

February 9, 2011

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dallas seek to protect and promote the well-being of the citizens of Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dallas are concerned about the effects that certain short-term borrowing practices may have on the long-term financial health of Dallas residents who are facing economic challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals facing financial crises, medical emergencies, employment issues, or other exigent circumstances often have no alternative to seeking short-term high-interest loans from credit service organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, these credit service organizations operate in a largely unregulated environment, with no oversight of their interest rates, terms, and conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Texas has studied this issue in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulation of credit service organizations and other consumer lending services falls within the purview of the Legislature of the State of Texas;

**Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**Section 1.** That the City of Dallas urges the members of the Legislature of the State of Texas to give further consideration to this issue and to pass any necessary legislation to protect the citizens of the State of Texas who may find themselves with no alternative but to seek the type of short-term, high-interest, unregulated loans offered by credit service organizations, and

**Section 2.** That the City of Dallas requests that the regulatory oversight necessary to ensure adequate consumer protections for all Texans, and fair lending practices by all credit service organizations, be put in place.

**Section 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the Charter of the City of Dallas and it is accordingly so resolved.